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SUBJECT: BIO SUPPORT FOR PRESIDENT'S TRIP

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1. WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS TO REF B:

2. YAO WEN-YUAN. CANADIAN EMBASSY DCM PROVIDED US FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON YAO BASED ON HIS AUGUST 29 MEETING WITH YAO IN THE COMPANY OF SOUTHAM NEWS SERVICE CHIEF CHARLES LYNCH: YAO APPEARED QUITE CONFIDENT. HE SMILED THROUGHOUT THE SESSION, BUT HIS EYES WERE UNSMILING. THE SMILE LOOKED AS IF IT HAD BEEN "PUT ON BY PLASTIC SURGERY." IN CONTRAST TO FEI'S COMMENTS IN REF B, CANADIANS SAID YAO EMANATED NO WARMTH. YAO APPEARED RATHER SOFT--HIS HANDS WERE ALSO SOFT--AND HE DID NOT COME

ACROSS AS A CHARISMATIC PERSONALITY. HE SEEMED TO BE JUST RECITING HIS LINES ON FOREIGN POLICY, BUT HIS INTEREST OBVIOUSLY PERKED UP ON INTERNAL MATTERS AND ON THE QUESTION OF YOUTH. HE SPOKE WITHOUT NOTES, REFERRED FREQUENTLY TO MAO, AND DWELT ON IDEOLOGICAL ISSUES.

3. CHEN HSI-LIEN. CHEN HAS BEEN DESCRIBED TO US BY THE ROMANIANS AS "VERY MUCH A MILITARY MAN" WITHOUT THE

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SOCIAL POLISH OF SOMEONE LIKE LI HSIEN-NIEN.

4. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT SOME MORE IMPRESSIONS
OF PEKING DIPLOMATS WHO HAVE RECENTLY MET WITH PRC
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